

Let's Visit

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What Do You Want From Life?

I know it might sound strange to you, coming from one who possess little of this world's good, but I can assure you that you can have what you want. To be sure, I believe a little serious thinking will prove it. However, we must remember that there is a price to pay. There always is. Nothing comes without a price because there is "no free lunch". What has to happen is you have to decide what you want, and I can show you how to get it. What do people want most in life? Well, let's take a look at a few of them.

One individual might say, "I want security." I am quite certain God is not going to condemn someone for having the desire to be secure, but then that begs the question, do we know what real security is? Does having a lot of money put back make a man or woman secure? I have known many people who have had money laid up without ever enjoying security. You see, there is always the possibility that it will be taken away. Then again, where did men and women every get the idea that security was to be found in laying money aside? Most people who have a lot of money have less security than anyone. Many people I have known who had large amounts of money worried more than others with far less. You would think, that they would worry the least but that is not the way it works. They are the people who spend more time thinking about hard times ahead than anybody else. Most of us are like the man who said, "the thought of hard times doesn't worry me, I was broke during the boom". People who have the most worry about how they are going to hold on to what they have. To be truthful, they never really feel secure. The rise and fall of the stock market marks the rise and fall of their blood pressure. The restless conditions of national and international affairs brings more misery to their already feverish brow. The man or woman

who possesses things have no real security. You see, there is no security in the things of this world. Real security comes from within and not from without. It is a matter of trusting God.

Then, someone says, "I want contentment." The world has been seeking this through many sources for many years. People want "peace of mind" and numerous "self-help" books have been written trying to point the way to contentment for people. Yet, the volume that has been pointing the way throughout the centuries has been there all the time, and we have not appreciated it. Do you remember in the Philippiian letter what Paul's recipe for contentment was? We wrote, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am to be content" (Philippians 4:11) Contentment is a great asset in our lives and contentment comes from knowing Jesus Christ.

Perhaps all things can be summed up in the desire of so many in our day and age who are crying, "we want happiness". However, happiness is where you find it and you can find happiness anywhere you find God. Loyalty to God, trusting in God and faith in God will bring us security, contentment, happiness or any other good thing that we desire. You see, God is our source of supply and his blessings cannot be exhausted.

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***Little minds are too much wounded by little things;
great minds see all, and are not even hurt.***

In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

"The Prayer of a Murderer"

Our text comes from Psalm 51. God's man Nathan told David of his sin and David repented and prayed for forgiveness. We hope you find this enlightening and encouraging.

For The Pantry. . . Chili (No Beans)

There's A Meeting Going On!

Forty-five years ago someone said to a friend, "There's a meeting going on; why don't you go?" Because he said that to her, she went – and she became a Christian.

After becoming a Christian, she soon converted her husband. She was married to him forty years. After he died, she married another man whom she also converted!

No long after becoming a Christian, she converted her mother and one brother.

She had one son. She was a Christian mother, so she raised him up to want to be a Christian. Her son had a friend who didn't have a Christian home and desperately needed one and wanted one. He looked to his friend's mother as his own mother. He was led to become a Christian also. He married a Christian girl and they had two children and later adopted a third. All three are Christians and one is studying to be a minister.

The lady's son was attracted to a girl, and both the girl and her mother were drawn to the church, and both became Christians. The girl had an older sister who wasn't a Christian. The older sister saw the lives of her sister's family, and later she and her husband became Christians.

After the son who was attracted to the girl got married, they had three children. One son was born afflicted but found a very special spot in the family and was sorely missed when he was called home twenty years later. The sisters who were left became Christians.

These two sisters have married husbands who have become Christians.

Does the chain of influence stop here? I would have to answer "No!" The chain of influence whether for good or evil, never stops.

It was all because one friend listened and her heart was moved to obey the gospel that this chain of events started. It started when one man said, "There's a meeting going on; why don't you go?" Only eternity will tell how many lives were touched.

This article by Sarah Hudson Pierce appeared in "Glad Tiding of Good Things", published by the Jacksonville Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Alabama in November of 2007. It shows what can happen with just a simple invitation to someone to attend worship. Have you invited someone to attend worship this past week? Have you invited someone to attend our "Friends and Family Day". Why not?

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On The Lighter Side. . .



IT HAD BEEN A WHILE SINCE HE HAD
RECEIVED A POST-SERMON HIGH FIVE AND
IT STILL FELT GOOD

Miscellaneous



Those To Remember In Prayer

Remember This Date!
September 11, 2022



Be praying for this to be a great day, make your plans to be here and invite your friends and neighbors to come and join us!

**Special
Announcement**

PLEASE!

We desperately need your presence on Wednesday nights at our Mid-Week Bible Study!

Each One Bring One!
52 in '22
Invite Someone Each Week!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt, Tiffanee Klein, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) Ana Blair (friend of Debra Pate) Sandra Hogan (friend of Roxie Bostick) Suzie Hogan (Roxie Bostick's sister) Laurie King (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer; Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Marc Tate (Jana O'Brien's brother) Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother) Tina Vaughn - cancer

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw Jeremiah Soape, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

**"IF YOU LOVE
DEEPLY, YOU'RE
GOING TO GET
HURT BADLY.**

**BUT IT'S STILL
WORTH IT."**

C.S. LEWIS

The person who is completely bored when he is alone ought to be able to understand the position of others when he is around.



Across The Preacher's Desk

When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, we find these words in chapter 12 and verse 2, "Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

When we give our lives to Jesus Christ, when he becomes the Lord and Master of our lives, we change, we are transformed. We have a new way of looking at things, we have a new standard of conduct, we have a new way of life. One of the great tragedies of our day and time is that too many people claim to know Jesus Christ, they talk loudly and say "I am proud to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior" and there is no visible transformation in their lives. If Jesus has not changed your life, if there is not a visible transformation, then perhaps you are still conforming to the world and have not truly allowed Jesus to be your Lord and Master.

This is also one of the great tragedies of the church in our day and time. There is too much of the world in the church and not enough of the church in the world. If Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives, we don't have to shout it from the housetop, people will see Him living in us on a daily basis. If others cannot see Jesus living in us, maybe, just maybe we ought to examine our way of life.

it's something to think about. . . .tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
52 in '22!**